



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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SLGCP Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP)

The Systems Support Division (SSD) in SLGCP is launching the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) to provide smaller law enforcement and emergency responder agencies with equipment items that will enhance and support regional response, mutual aid, and interoperability of responder equipment. CEDAP is being offered in two phases in fiscal year (FY) 2005. The first phase allows SLGCP to provide applicants with equipment already on Federal contract and is limited to personal protective equipment, detection and sensor devices, information sharing software for law enforcement operations, and communications interoperability systems. Eligible applicants include jurisdictions not currently receiving funding from UASI. Jurisdictions in suburban, rural, and border areas are encouraged to apply for equipment that will be used to respond through mutual aid and to protect infrastructure in those jurisdictions.

Applications for Phase I will be available for review beginning March 22, and eligible for online receipt **from April 5 to May 5, 2005** at the SLGCP Responder Knowledge Base (RKB), hosted by the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT) at www.rkb.mipt.org. The CEDAP online application is user friendly and easy to complete in one session. Successful applicants will be notified this spring by SLGCP. The second phase of the program will begin during the month of May 2005. Additional equipment items will be added to the list over the next few months for the planned Phase II, May 2005 release date.

SEMA will receive automatic e-mail notifications of CEDAP applications submitted to SLGCP in their states. Notifications will be sent to SEMA before the applications are rated or ranked by SLGCP.

The Grant Guidelines are located at: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/terrorism.htm>. Contact Ricky Presberry, 573-526-9223, SEMA Grant Program Manager if you have any questions.

Moody Named SEMA Ops Chief

Steve Moody was named SEMA Operations Branch Chief on Friday, March 25, 2005. Steve's reporting date is April 8, 2005. He comes to SEMA following a distinguished 23-year career as a Park Ranger and Operations Manager at the Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks. Moody regularly responded to the SEOC for both disaster operations and exercises.

SEMA's Spring Newsletters Posted to Homepage

The Spring SEMA Newsletter, Mitigation Newsletter, and MERC Newsletter have been posted to the main white section of the SEMA homepage: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov>. Feature articles in the different newsletters include: conference information, training opportunities and HazMat information.

Animals in Disasters – Useful Link

The American Veterinary Medical Association notes that since 60% of American homes have at least one and, often, multiple pets, it's important to know how to address a pet's disaster-related needs. Their educational materials "are provided to assist veterinarians, animal owners, and others interested in the well-being of animals to prepare for animal safety in the event of a disaster." The website is: www.avma.org/disaster

Metropolitan Emergency Managers "Safety City" at KC Home Show

The Metropolitan Emergency Managers participated in the Kansas City Home Show in March with a booth and a 16-page "Safety City News" supplement. The document gives families tips on what to do in an emergency, KC area homeland security efforts, animals in disaster, helping seniors and people with disabilities, importance of tone alert weather radios and volunteering efforts ranging from Citizen Corps, CERT, ham radio operators, and weather spotters.

ODP Announces Firefighter Grants (Rounds 39, 40)

The Office of Domestic Preparedness announced five Missouri Fire Departments received FY'04 Firefighter assistance grants. Departments receiving grants for vehicles are: Lazy Acres VFD in Protom (Taney County) \$45,000. Departments receiving grants for operations are: City of Marceline FD \$42,678. Departments receiving grants for prevention are: International Assn of Arson Investigators (Bridgeton) \$283,430; Kansas City FD \$67,567; and O'Fallon FPD \$46,277.

Applications Open for Firefighters, SAFER & Prevention Grants

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will accept applications for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program until **5:00 p.m. EST, April 8, 2005**. DHS also announced the application period for the AFG Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants will be May 31 - June 28, 2005. Fire Prevention and Firefighter Safety grant applications will be accepted in September 2005.

These grants assist rural, urban and suburban fire departments purchase equipment, safety and vehicles. In 2005, non-fire based EMS organizations to apply for grants. The SAFER Grants provide funding for the hiring of fire personnel and incentives for volunteer recruitment and retention.

The applications are automated and accessible via the AFG website: www.firegrantsupport.com. This website contains useful background information on AFG program priorities and program guidance, as well as a tutorial on applying for each program and other useful materials. Fire departments that have questions regarding these grant opportunities should contact the Help Desk at 1-866-274-0960 or at firegrants@dhs.gov.

Conservation Department Tree Resource Applications Accepted

The Missouri Department of Conservation's Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) program has grants for tree care activities for public schools, communities and non-profit organizations. TRIM has \$260,000 in the cost-share program. The competitive program provides financial assistance for the management, improvement or conservation of trees. Traditional activities like tree pruning, removal and tree planting are also funded. For more information or to receive an application contact: Justine Gartner at 573-522-4115 ext 3116 or email: Justine.Gartner@mdc.mo.gov.

Chertoff Comments On Homeland Security

Michael Chertoff is the new Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security. The following comments were made during a recent appearance before Congress... "Risk management must guide our decision-making as we examine how we can best organize to prevent, respond and recover from an attack.

For that reason, the Department of Homeland Security is working with State, local, and private sector partners on a National Preparedness Plan to target resources where the risk is greatest.”

“Our strategy is...to manage risk in terms of these three variables - threat, vulnerability, consequence. We seek to prioritize according to these variables...to fashion a series of preventive and protective steps that increase security at multiple levels.”

“For two years now, it has been the responsibility of Homeland Security to lead the unified national effort to daily and consistently improve our security and preparedness measures. But the federal government cannot fund or address all of the risks involved with terrorism on its own. To complete our mission, we must and do count heavily on partnerships with our state and local governments and the private sector.”

“I have initiated a comprehensive review of the organization, operations and policies of the Department as a whole. Over the course of the next 60 - 90 days, this comprehensive review will examine what we need to do and what we are doing without regard to component structures and programmatic categories.”